

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 721 by Representative Johnson

EDUCATION/SPECIAL: Provides relative to cost reimbursements for special education and related services provided to certain students

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

- 1. Relative to students with exceptionalities who are La. residents and who are receiving special education services from agencies in jurisdictions where they are not residents, removes proposed law provisions for payment for such services by the Dept. of Education and reimbursement of the department by the local education agency.
- 2. Relative to students with exceptionalities who are La. residents, both those who are receiving services from an agency in whose jurisdiction they reside and those who are receiving services from an agency where they are not residents, provides that students with exceptionalities specifically includes students who are in private residential facilities or intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled.
- 3. Relative to students with exceptionalities who are La. residents and who live in private residential facilities, removes present law provision that students in the permanent custody of a state agency shall have special education and related services paid for by the residential facility.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law, relative to funding for public school special educational services as provided by local education agencies, provides the following with respect to students with exceptionalities:

- (1) For a student located within a local education agency's geographic boundaries, such agency shall pay the cost of such services only if the student is a resident within the agency's geographical boundaries.
- (2) For a student located within a local education agency's geographical boundaries who is not a resident thereof, the cost of special education and services shall be reimbursed by the agency within the boundaries of which the student resides, except for (3) below.
- (3) For a student living in a private residential facility in La. who is neither a La. resident nor in the legal or permanent custody of a state agency, the local education agency providing such education and services shall be reimbursed by the residential facility for the cost of providing those services.

Proposed law, relative to (1) and (2), includes children who are placed in a private residential facility or an intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled for any reason by any individual or agency. Proposed law, relative to (3), provides that the agency shall be reimbursed by the facility only for students who are not La. residents, instead of students who are not La. residents or in the legal or permanent custody of a state agency.

(Amends R.S. 17:1947(A))